29th January 1936]

APPENDIX VII.

[Vide item II on page 67 supra.]

***Report of the Select Committee regarding amendment to Standing Order No.* 5 (*b*) (5).**

To

THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Select Committee appointed to report on an amendment to Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) (5) of the Council moved by Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th November 1935 has the honour to make the following report :—

2. The amendment is as follows :—

For Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) (5) *substitute* the following :—

" (5) A separate ballot shall be held—

(*a*) for motions relating to Bills mentioned in (iv) of clause (2);

(*b*) for motions relating to Bills mentioned in (v) of clause (2); and

(*c*) for resolutions."

3. At present a combined ballot is held to determine the relative precedence of motions relating to Bills, whether they are Bills which have already been introduced and in respect of which the motion is one of those mentioned in Standing Order No. 37, or whether they are Bills which have not yet been introduced and in respect of which the motion is one for leave to introduce. As a result of this procedure, a Bill which has not yet been introduced sometimes gets precedence over one which has been introduced and which is sought to be either referred to a Select Committee or considered at once without at all being referred to a Select Committee. Further, as there is only a single ballot for both the abovementioned classes of Bills, each member can, by the operation of clause (7) of Standing Order No. 5, ballot only for one Bill in the combined group. The

effect of Mr. Krishnayya Choudari's amendment is firstly to give preference to Bills which have been introduced over Bills which have not yet been introduced and secondly to enable a member to ballot for one Bill for leave to introduce, and another Bill for reference to Select Committee or circulation or consideration under Standing Order No. 37.

The Committee thinks that the amendment is desirable and may be accepted.

4. The Committee recommends that the following amendments be made :—

Amendments.

For clauses (4) and (5) of Standing Order No. 5 (*b*) *substitute* the following :—

"(4) The relative precedence—

(*a*) of Bills falling under sub-clause (iv) of clause (2),

(*b*) of Bills falling under sub-clause (v) of clause (2), and

(*c*) of resolutions,

shall be determined by ballot.

(5) A separate ballot shall be held—

(*a*) for motions relating to Bills falling under sub-clause (iv) of clause (2);

(*b*) for motions relating to Bills falling under sub-clause (v) of clause (2); and

(*c*) for resolutions."

B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI,

26*th November* 1935. *Chairman.*